

Sri M. RAMAPPA.—Will the Government be pleased to set apart some time when the Ministers go on tour to discuss local matters with the M.L.As.?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That is a different matter. That is outside the scope of the question.

Appointment to the Post of Director, Central Sericultural Research Institute.

*Q.—154. **Sri D. ABDUL RASHEED** (Kolar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) since how long the post of the Director, Central Sericultural Research Institute, is vacant;

(b) the officer who is in charge of the Institute at present;

(c) the difficulty in filling up the vacancy by posting a Senior Technical Officer of the Department as Director of the Institute?

A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister).—

(a) There is no independent whole-time officer in charge of the Central Sericultural Research Institute from 10th October 1955. The post is not however vacant as the Director of Sericulture has also been appointed as Director of Central Sericultural Research Institute.

(b) *Vide* reply to clause (a).

(c) A whole-time officer has not been posted as the Institute has not started functioning on a full-fledged scale and the proposals for the transfer of the Institute to the Central Silk Board are under correspondence with the Central Silk Board.

Sri D. ABDUL RASHEED.—May I know, Sir, whether there was a Director of Research prior to 10th October 1955?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—Yes, Sir, there was a Director.

Sri D. ABDUL RASHEED.—Was the research in full fledged form then?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—Even today the research work is not going on in its full speed.

Sri D. ABDUL RASHEED.—When the research was not in full fledged form where was the need to have the Director prior to October 10?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—Now there is no special Director for that Research Centre.

Sri D. ABDUL RASHEED.—As there is no Director working, research is not improving. Is it a fact, Sir?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—Sir, as I told you already, there is no full work for a Director and it is not necessary to spend more money. The present man is doing that work also.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARAMURTHY.—Sir, may I know the conditions imposed by the Government of Mysore in connection with the transfer of the Research Institute to the Central Silk Board?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—It is still under consideration.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARAMURTHY.—Am I correct if I state that the Central Silk Board has agreed to finance the Regional Institute as one of the conditions imposed by the Government of Mysore?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—In addition to that, even if the Central Research Institute is located in Mysore, the problems relating to Mysore State should have priority.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Does this question arise out of this, Sir?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Yes, the question of transfer of the Research Institute is mentioned in clause (c) of the answer.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that if you transfer the Research Institute to the Central Silk Board, the progress of sericultural industry will be satisfactory?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—That Institute will be working here and in addition to that, we will have one regional institute.